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- Captain Victor Fonseca of the Nicaraguan Guardia Nacional stated on 13 December that Luis and Anastasio Somoza Jr. directed a convoy of trucks to the Costa Hican border. Fonseca was invited by General Somoza to participate in the Costa Hican invasion if he wished to "better himself."
- 2. Major Federico Lavidson Blanco, the Guardia commander at the border town of Rivas, told Fonseca that five hundred Guardia were mobilized for invasion of Costa Rica. They were transported in Guardia trucks bearing false license plates and, to avoid the charge of Nicaraguan intervention, were supplied with arms previously taken from Costa Rican emigres in Nicaragua. Among the five hundred were ex-Guardia officers and active sergeants, but no active officers.
- 3. Carlos Perez Bermudez was told by his brother, Sergeant Jose Luis Perez, that about five hundred Guardia had invaded Costa Rica. They were recruited in las Segovias mountain area a few months ago, and were led by Guardia sergeants.
- 4. Oscar Bakit and other Costa bicans left for the frontier on 11 December after awaiting transportation to El Retiro, a Somoza finca near Managua.
- 5. A Guardia official alivised the newspapers on 11 December that they would be closed if they printed articles implying Nicaraguan intervention in the Costa Rican invasion.

